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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Committee, proposed after consultation with the Chairman and the Bureau, is as follows:

1. Organizational matters (Plenary):

   (a) Adoption of the agenda;
   (b) Organization of work;

2. Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties, including the provisional agenda (Plenary).

3. Status of ratification of the Convention (Plenary).

4. Review of the Annexes to the Convention (Plenary).

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5. Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning (Plenary):

   (a) Institutional linkages:
   (b) Financial rules of the Conference of the Parties and of its subsidiary bodies;
   (c) Physical location.

6. Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and of its subsidiary bodies (Plenary).

7. Matters relating to commitments (Working Group I):

   (a) First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention, including:

      (i) Review of a compilation and synthesis, including the overall effects of policies and measures;

      (ii) Process for the ongoing review of first communications from Annex I Parties;

   (b) Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b);

   (c) Criteria for joint implementation;

   (d) Methodological issues;

   (e) The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention.

Note: On sub-items 7 (a) and 7 (b), the Committee will be carrying out the tasks of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties (see A/AC.237/55, annex I, decision 9/3, para. 3).

8. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism (Working Group II):

   (a) Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism), paragraphs 1-4, including:

      (i) Guidance on programme priorities, eligibility criteria and policies, and on the determination of "agreed full incremental costs";

      (ii) Modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism;

   (b) Consideration of the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, paragraph 3;

9. Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support (Working Group II).

10. Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds (Plenary).

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee, including recommendations to the Conference of the Parties (Plenary).

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2. By its resolution 47/195 of 22 December 1992, paragraphs 6 and 7, the General Assembly decided "that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee shall continue to function in order to prepare for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as specified in the Convention, and, in that context, to contribute to the effective operation of the interim arrangements set out in Article 21 of the Convention"; invited the Committee "to implement expeditiously the plan of preparatory work drawn up at its sixth session"; and requested the Secretary-General "to make arrangements within the overall calendar of conferences for the Committee to hold sessions, in accordance with the needs of that plan". The scheduling of the eleventh session was confirmed by the Committee at its tenth session (A/AC.237/76, para. 22 (d)).

3. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for the eleventh, and final, session to be held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 6 to 17 February 1995. The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee at 10 a.m. on 6 February 1995. A meeting of the Bureau and other consultations by the Chairman are being scheduled during the previous week (see A/AC.237/76, para. 21).

1. Organizational matters (Plenary)

(a) Adoption of the agenda

4. The provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Committee is presented for adoption.

5. A list of documents relating to the provisional agenda, as well as other documents available at the session, is contained in annex I.

(b) Organization of work

(i) Participation

6. In paragraph 2 of its resolution 45/212 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided that "the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly." In paragraph 19 of the same resolution, the General Assembly invited "relevant non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the negotiating process, as appropriate".

7. In pursuance of the above, notification of the date and place of the session has been communicated to the permanent missions of all participating States in Geneva and New York, as well as to observers.

(ii) Schedule of meetings

8. A tentative schedule of meetings for the session, proposed in consultation with the Chairman and with the Co-Chairmen of the Working Groups, is attached as annex II. This schedule is based on the availability of facilities during official working hours, when services are available for two concurrent meetings with interpretation, normally from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. There will also be some facilities for informal meetings without interpretation. Delegations are urged to use these services fully by starting all meetings promptly at the scheduled time.

(iii) Allocation of tasks

9. In accordance with the proposal made at the tenth session, Working Group I will deal with provisional agenda item 7 and Working Group II with items 8 and 9. All other items will be taken up in Plenary.

10. It will be recalled that the Committee at its tenth session decided to allocate to Working Group I at its eleventh session the tasks listed in Article 4.2(b), (c) and (d), in pursuance of its decision 9/3, paragraphs 3 and 4 (see A/AC.237/76, para. 22 (b)).

11. The interim secretariat has transmitted to Governments, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its first session (COP 1), the text of a proposed protocol submitted by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, as well as further elements for a protocol proposed by the Government of Germany. These proposals have been included in the documentation for the eleventh session (A/AC.237/L.23 and Add.1). The issue of a protocol or protocols was discussed at the tenth session in the context of the agenda item on the review of the adequacy of commitments (see A/AC.237/65 and conclusions in A/AC.237/76, para. 54). Consequently, the interim secretariat has assumed, in the context of the organization of the work of the session, that any consideration of a protocol will take place under agenda item 7 (b), in Working Group I. The Committee may wish to take this into account in deciding on the organization of its work.

(iv) Adoption of recommendations to COP 1

12. The Committee may wish to adopt recommendations to COP 1 on all relevant items on its agenda. These recommendations will be included in the report of the Committee. It would help to ensure that final documents are available in all languages if both Working Groups complete all recommendations to COP 1 and other conclusions by Wednesday, 15 February.

(v) Statements at the opening plenary meeting (6 February, 10 a.m.)

13. The Chairman and the Executive Secretary will make opening statements.

14. The Chairman of the WMO/UNEP Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson (CEO) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) will be invited to address the meeting and to be available subsequently to participate in Working Groups I and II, respectively, and answer questions.

15. There will be no general debate.

16. If it is possible to conclude the plenary meeting in time, both Working Groups will meet before the lunch break on 6 February for the purpose of organizing their work.

2. Arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Parties, including the provisional agenda (Plenary)

17. The interim secretariat has prepared a note (A/AC.237/78) containing updated information on the preparations for hosting COP 1 and suggestions for the organization of work of the session. As requested by the Committee at its tenth session (A/AC.237/76, para. 138), a revised list of elements for a provisional agenda for the first session has been prepared by the interim secretariat (see A/AC.237/78, annex I). The Committee may wish to give guidance concerning the preparation of the provisional agenda for COP 1.

18. Practical information for participants attending the session is contained in an addendum to that document (A/AC.237/78/Add.1).

19. Also in response to a request by the Committee at its tenth session (A/AC.237/76, para. 139), the interim secretariat has prepared a list containing the names of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have expressed their wish to be represented at COP 1 (A/AC.237/78/Add.2). The list originates from two sources: responses to a letter sent by the interim secretariat to those intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations having attended past sessions of the Committee, and unsolicited requests received by the interim secretariat from organizations not having previously attended sessions of the Committee. The Committee may wish to endorse this list and recommend to COP 1 that, in accordance with Article 7.6 of the Convention, it admit the organizations listed therein to participate as observers at the first session.

3. Status of ratification of the Convention (Plenary)

20. A status report on the ratification of the Convention will be before the Committee, for its information (A/AC.237/INF.15/Rev.2). Delegations of Governments that have not ratified or acceded to the Convention are invited to inform the secretariat, in writing, of their Governments' plans to do so.

21. The Convention enters into force for each Party ninety days after the date of deposit with the Depositary of the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Consequently, the Parties as of the opening of COP 1 on 28 March 1995 will be the 115 States and the regional economic integration organization that had deposited such instruments by 28 December 1994. In addition, the two States that had deposited in the period between 29 December 1994 and 7 January 1995 will become Parties during COP 1, thus bringing the total number to 118 Parties. States depositing such instruments after the latter date will not become Parties until after the closure of the session.

4. Review of the Annexes to the Convention (Plenary)

22. At its tenth session, the Committee was informed by the representatives of the Czech Republic and Slovakia that it was the opinion of their Governments that their countries should be included among those listed in Annex I to the Convention. They also informed the Committee that their respective Governments intended to make a declaration of their intent to be bound by subparagraphs (a) and (b) of Article 4, pursuant to Article 4.2(g) of the Convention (see A/AC.237/76, para. 30). Any communication of this nature from these or other States will be brought to the attention of the Committee.

23. The secretariat was also requested to include in the provisional agenda for COP 1 an item on the review of the list of countries included in Annex I to the Convention, in accordance with Article 4.2(f). Such an item has been included in the list of elements contained in annex I to document A/AC.237/78.

5. Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning (Plenary)

24. At its tenth session, views were expressed in the Committee under this item on the subjects of institutional linkages of the permanent secretariat, financial rules for the COP and its subsidiary bodies (including sources and scales of budgetary contributions) and the physical location of the permanent secretariat.

25. In addition, the Committee approved a proposal by the Chairman to establish an intersessional contact group for further consideration of matters relating to the permanent secretariat (A/AC.237/76, para. 122). The Contact Group, composed of the five members of the Bureau and thus representing the five regional groups, met during the tenth session of the Committee and reported back to the Committee certain conclusions regarding its work on three issues, namely, the institutional linkages of the permanent secretariat, the financial rules of the COP and its subsidiary bodies, and the physical location of the permanent secretariat. These conclusions were endorsed by the Committee (A/AC.237/76, paras. 122-126).

26. The Contact Group met again on 18 and 19 November to consider the three issues mentioned in paragraph 24 above. It will also meet before the session, when it will prepare its report to the eleventh session as requested by the Committee (A/AC.237/76, para. 126).

27. Documentation on this item is presented in a series of addenda to a note by the Executive Secretary (see A/AC.237/79).

(a) Institutional linkages

28. As requested by the Contact Group (A/AC.237/76, para. 123 (a) and (b)), the Chairman of the Committee invited the Secretary-General of the United Nations to advise the Committee at its eleventh session on an institutional arrangement for the permanent secretariat. The advice from the Secretary-General is annexed to document A/AC.237/79/Add.1, which also contains related correspondence.

(b) Financial rules

29. At the tenth session, the Contact Group requested the interim secretariat to provide further suggestions relating to financial procedures for consideration by the Committee at its eleventh session. These would include possible procedures for cost-sharing of the expenses of the permanent secretariat, on the basis of a scale of contributions reflecting, inter alia, the principle of common but differentiated responsibility and for the adoption of the budget on a consensus basis (see A/AC.237/76, para. 123 (c)). A note by the Executive Secretary on such procedures is contained in document A/AC.237/79/Add.2.

30. The interim secretariat was also requested to prepare a budget outline showing the possible functions and estimated cost of the permanent secretariat for the year 1996, on the assumption that the entire cost of the secretariat would be met by the Parties to the Convention. The note by the Executive Secretary on this subject (A/AC.237/79/Add.3) contains a budget outline for 1996 and 1997, since the proposed financial procedures provide for a biennial budget.

(c) Physical location

31. At the tenth session, the Committee took note of the offers made by the Governments of Germany, Kenya, Switzerland and Uruguay to host the permanent secretariat (A/AC.237/76, para. 125)., Subsequently, a similar offer was made by the Government of Canada.

32. The Contact Group met on 18 November with representatives of those Governments and considered the detailed information provided by them in support of their offers, in response to a questionnaire from the interim secretariat. As requested by the Contact Group (A/AC.237/76, para. 123 (d)), the interim secretariat has summarized such information, received so far from the Governments of Canada, Germany, Switzerland and Uruguay, in the form of a comparative table. The questionnaire and the comparative table are contained in document A/AC.237/79/Add.4.

33. In addition, the full texts of offers by Governments to host the permanent secretariat have been issued in document A/AC.237/Misc.45, in the languages in which these were received by the interim secretariat.

34. Any additional information received by the secretariat will be circulated in addenda to those documents.

35. In accordance with the request by the Committee at its tenth session (A/AC.237/76, para. 126), a report by the Contact Group, conveying to the Committee further views on all the above matters will be contained in document A/AC.237/79/Add.5, to be issued at the start of the session.

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36. Decisions on all these matters -- institutional linkages, financial rules (including a budget) and physical location -- are to be taken by the COP at its first session. Consequently, the Committee may wish to make a special effort to prepare agreed recommendations on all these matters for consideration and adoption by COP 1.

6. Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and of its subsidiary bodies (Plenary)

37. The Committee is to continue its consideration of the draft rules of procedure of the COP and of its subsidiary bodies. The interim secretariat expresses the hope that the Committee will be able to transmit the completed draft rules to the COP for its consideration and adoption at its first session. To this end, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. T.P. Sreenivasan, will be available to conduct consultations on the draft rules during the session.

38. In order to facilitate discussion of this agenda item at the eleventh session, the interim secretariat has produced a revised text (A/AC.237/L.22/Rev.1). This combines material in document A/AC.237/WG.II/L.8 with that in document A/AC.237/L.22 and reflects amendments introduced in the latter during the tenth session (A/AC.237/76, paras. 109 and 110).

7. Matters relating to commitments (Working Group I)

39. Early in the session, participants in Working Group I will be able to put questions to the Chairman of the IPCC, in response to his statement to the opening plenary meeting on the progress of the work of the IPCC and in particular on the special report for COP 1 (approved by the IPCC at its tenth plenary session in November 1994). The IPCC secretariat will be sending the summaries for policy makers from that report to all Governments.

(a) First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention

40. At its ninth session, the Committee decided that, at its eleventh session and on an interim basis, it would carry out the task of reviewing the first communications from Annex I Parties (see A/AC.237/55, annex I, decision 9/3B). At its tenth session, the Committee asked the interim secretariat to prepare for consideration at the eleventh session and for subsequent submission to COP 1, a compilation and synthesis of the available national communications from Annex I Parties (see A/AC.237/76, annex I, decision 10/1).

(i) Review of a compilation and synthesis, including the overall effects of policies and measures

41. The Committee will have before it document A/AC.237/81 which synthesizes the communications received from 15 Annex I Parties. The Committee is invited to have a general discussion of the document, leading to conclusions or recommendations for transmittal to COP 1. This discusssion could address the substantive content of the document and the issues raised, the approach and format adopted and the process for its preparation. The compilation and synthesis would also be submitted to COP 1 as a secretariat document, the negotiation of an agreed text not being feasible in the time available. Any factual errors that might be noted in writing or during the discussions could be dealt with in a corrigendum.

(ii) Process for the ongoing review of first communications from Annex I Parties

42. The Committee will also have before it document A/AC.237/82 which seeks to provide an overview of the outstanding issues relating to the first review of information and thereby to assist the Committee in completing its work on this agenda item. The document responds to the request for a short note and proposals regarding the periodicity of further communications by Annex I Parties as well as the modalities for the consideration by the subsidiary bodies of in-depth review reports and individual communications. In addition, it includes proposals on the use and revision of the guidelines for the preparation of first communications from Annex I Parties and proposals on the finalization of the recommended draft COP 1 decision relating to the in-depth review process (see A/AC.237/76, annex I, decision 10/1). The document includes a draft recommendation for consideration by the Committee.

43. The Committee will also have before it a compilation of submissions on these issues received from Parties and other member States (A/AC.237/Misc.42) and document A/AC.237/INF.16/Rev.2 on the status of submissions of first communications by Annex I Parties. The available national communications have been distributed by the interim secretariat and could also be relevant. The executive summaries of these national communications are being issued as documents of the Committee (series A/AC.237/NC...).

(b) Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b)

44. The Committee, at its tenth session, agreed to continue its discussion on the matter at its eleventh session and recalled that at that session it would carry out, on an interim basis, the most pressing tasks of the subsidiary bodies, including the tasks listed in Article 4.2(d), and make the necessary recommendations thereon to COP 1 (A/AC.237/76, para. 54). In preparing a report to COP 1 on the matter, it would take into account, as appropriate, the elements for an outline as suggested in document A/AC.237/65, section III, prepared for the tenth session.

45. The Committee will also have before it, as requested, an annotated compilation of information on the global situation (A/AC.237/83). A compilation of interventions and submissions on the subject that Parties and other member States have transmitted to the interim secretariat will also be before the Committee (A/AC.237/Misc.43). The Committee may also wish to draw upon the compilation and synthesis of the first communications (A/AC.237/81). In addition, delegations will have received from the IPCC secretariat the summaries for policy makers from the IPCC Special Report (1994).

46. Subject to its decision on the organization of work as suggested in paragraph 11 above, the Committee may also wish to give consideration under this item to the proposals for a protocol contained in document A/AC.237/L.23 and Add.1.

47. The Committee is invited to continue its discussion on the matter with a view to reaching further conclusions. The Committee is also invited to prepare a report to COP 1 dealing with the most pressing tasks of the subsidiary bodies on this subject. The report could contain conclusions on the key issues that had been considered by the Committee in its review of adequacy; one of these issues would be information on the global situation. This report could also contain recommendations to COP 1 on possible options for follow-up to the review. The Committee might also highlight issues where further information would be needed, for future consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice.

(c) Criteria for joint implementation

48. The Committee, at its tenth session, concluded that it had made progress in understanding the concept of joint implementation, especially with respect to a phased approach, and agreed to continue its discussions on the issue at the eleventh session with a view to deciding on a recommendation to COP 1 (A/AC.237/76, para. 61).

49. The Committee will have before it a compilation of submissions on the issue received from Parties and other member States (A/AC.237/Misc.44). In its conclusions, the Committee had noted that comments on the following issues with respect to joint implementation in the pilot phase would be particularly relevant: objectives; criteria and operational guidelines; functions and institutional arrangements, including the roles of the Convention institutions; communication and review; early experiences (A/AC.237/76, para. 62).

(d) Methodological issues

50. At its ninth session, the Committee adopted decision 9/1 (see A/AC.237/55, annex I) in which it decided upon a number of methodological issues. It also requested the interim secretariat to prepare documentation on these issues for consideration by the Committee at its eleventh session, including draft recommendations to COP 1 on the decisions of the Committee and relevant new information.

51. The Committe is invited to consider a note by the interim secretariat (A/AC.237/84) providing relevant new information on methodological issues, including guidelines for inventories, global warming potentials, and guidelines for vulnerability assessment and adaptation. The Committee is also invited to consider further work on methodological issues and to adopt a final recommendation to COP 1.

(e) **The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention**

52. The Committee at its tenth session adopted, on a provisional basis, decision 10/2, including a provisional recommendation to COP 1 (see A/AC.237/76, annex I). The Committee decided to consider it further at its eleventh session in the light of recommendations on relevant items. It requested the interim secretariat to prepare documentation on these items, as well as proposals for a programme of work and venues for their sessions prior to COP 2, including considerations of workload and programme management, as well as on the related financial and staffing implications.

53. The Committee is invited to finalize and adopt its recommendation to COP 1 on the matter, taking into account parallel recommendations on the following issues since these may refer to the roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention: the process for the review of information communicated by Annex I Parties, the review of the adequacy of commitments, criteria for joint implementation, methodological issues, and the financial mechanism, including issues related to incremental costs and to the transfer of technology. The Committee may also wish to make recommendations on the work programme of these subsidiary bodies, their schedule of meetings and on any technical panels. In this context the Committee may wish to draw upon the note by the interim secretariat (A/AC.237/85).

8. Matters relating to arrangements for the financial mechanism (Working Group II)

54. Early in the session, participants in Working Group II will be able to put questions to the Chief Executive Officer/Chairperson of the GEF, following his statement to the opening plenary meeting on the progress of the work of the GEF.

55. On each of the issues to be considered by the Committee under sub-items 8 (a) and 8 (b), the note by the interim secretariat providing a preliminary overview of issues to be addressed by the Committee (A/AC.237/86) gives background information on results achieved by the Committee and indicates remaining actions to be taken. This note may be used as a general guide to the discussion on these sub-items at the eleventh session, as a supplement to the annotations to this item of the provisional agenda.

56. At the tenth session, the Co-Chairmen of Working Group II were requested to reproduce in a miscellaneous document texts on which there was agreement as well as texts on which no agreement could be reached, for reconsideration by the Working Group at the eleventh session. These texts are contained in document A/AC.237/Misc.41.

(a) **Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism), paragraphs 1-4;**

57. In addition to the two documents of a general nature mentioned in paragraphs 55 and 56 above, a number of other documents are relevant to the specific topics related to this sub-item that are identified in the interim secretariat note. These documents are indicated in the annotations below.

(i) Guidance on programme priorities, eligibility criteria and policies, and on the determination of "agreed full incremental costs"

58. The Committee may wish to consider issues under consideration on which agreement has not been reached (see A/AC.237/Misc.41).

59. The following documents are also relevant to this topic:

- Approach paper by the Group of 77 and China on the format for communication of information by non-Annex I Parties (A/AC.237/Misc.40)

- Transfer of technology. Note by the interim secretariat (A/AC.237/88)

(ii) Modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism

60. At its tenth session, the Committee invited the interim secretariat, in consultation with the secretariat of the GEF, to elaborate substantive elements that will need to be included in arrangements between the COP and the operating entity or entities (A/AC.237/76, para. 89). The interim secretariat has prepared a note on this matter (A/AC.237/87).

61. The Committee is invited to finalize and adopt its recommendation to COP 1 on the matter including, in particular, the determination of the amount of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention, as well as the process for agreeing on arrangements between the COP and the operating entity or entities.

(iii) Temporary arrangements between the Committee and the Global Environment Facility

62. The Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the GEF any new conclusions it may reach on guidance from the COP to the operating entity or entities or on modalities for the functioning of the operational linkages between the COP and the operating entity or entities.

63. The proceedings of the second meeting of the GEF Council (A/AC.237/89, in English only) are relevant to this item.

(b) **Consideration of the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, paragraph 3**

64. Article 21.3 provides that "the Global Environment Facility of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development shall be the international entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism referred to in Article 11 on an interim basis. In this connection, the Global Environment Facility should be appropriately restructured and its membership made universal to enable it to fulfil the requirements of Article 11."

65. Article 11.4 provides that the COP shall make arrangements to implement provisions regarding the financial mechanism at its first session, reviewing and taking into account the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21.3, and shall decide whether these interim arrangements shall be maintained. Within four years thereafter, the COP shall review the financial mechanism and take appropriate measures.

66. The Committee may wish to lay the ground for the review at COP 1 of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21.3, taking into account the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility and the report prepared by the GEF Council in response to Committee decision 10/3, paragraph 4 (see A/AC.237/89). The overview note by the secretariat (A/AC.237/86) suggests two practical options for consideration by the Committee, both being consistent with Article 11.4.

9. Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support (Working Group II)

67. The interim secretariat is involved in a number of activities that together facilitate the provision of technical and financial support to countries. These are collectively referred to as the Climate Convention cooperation programme (CC:COPE) of the interim secretariat and are implemented in collaboration with other organizations of the United Nations system.

68. At this stage, the CC:COPE programme consists of three elements, the Climate Convention information exchange programme (CC:INFO), the Climate Convention training programme (CC:TRAIN), and a number of information, technical coordination and advisory activities that the interim secretariat is undertaking in order to facilitate the timely provision of assistance to countries for enabling activities and national communications. Progress reports on these three elements are presented to the Committee in document A/AC.237/90, which consists of a brief overview report, and three addenda dealing with the three major areas.

(a) Climate Convention information exchange programme (CC:INFO) (joint activity of the interim secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme)

69. The Committee at its tenth session noted with satisfaction the progress achieved on CC:INFO and requested the interim secretariat and UNEP to continue their efforts to update the database on a regular basis, to improve modes of dissemination, to increase the variety of information contained within CC:INFO, and to report on further progress to its eleventh session. A progress report on the achievements since the tenth session has been prepared jointly with UNEP and is contained in document A/AC.237/90/Add.1.

(b) Climate Convention training programme (CC:TRAIN) (joint activity of the interim secretariat and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research)

70. The Committee at its tenth session noted with satisfaction the progress achieved on CC:TRAIN. The Committee requested the interim secretariat and UNITAR to continue their efforts to complete the pilot phase of the programme, to prepare, in the light of the evaluation, a full proposal for the second phase; and to report on further progress to its eleventh session. A progress report has been prepared jointly with UNITAR and is contained in document A/AC.237/90/Add.2.

(c) Provision of assistance for enabling activities and national communications (note prepared jointly by the interim secretariat and the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility)

71. The Committee at its tenth session supported the objectives of CC:COPE mentioned in document A/AC.237/75. The Committee requested the Executive Secretary to continue his consultations with the Chief Executive Officer of the GEF and with others, to explore how proposals corresponding to the objectives in document A/AC.237/75 could be developed for implementation and funding, and to report to its eleventh session on progress achieved and on any difficulties encountered. This report is contained in document A/AC.237/90/Add.3, prepared jointly by the interim secretariat and the secretariat of the GEF.

72. Delegations will be able to discuss the details of these activities at informal lunch-time seminars that will be organized by the interim secretariat, as at previous sessions. Furthermore, following up on an informal seminar on "Country activities on climate change" organized by the interim secretariat during the tenth session, a similar event will be held during the eleventh session. Announcements about these seminars will be made at the beginning of the session.

10. Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds (Plenary)

73. The Executive Secretary will present a report containing information on the status of extrabudgetary funds (A/AC.237/80). He will supplement this information orally at the session. The report will include funding requirements for 1995, setting out the needs for extrabudgetary funding for the participation of developing countries as well as for the functioning of the interim secretariat.

74. The Committee is invited to give its support to the efforts of the interim secretariat to mobilize the funding required.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee, including recommendations to the Conference of the Parties (Plenary)

75. A draft report on the work of the session, including such recommendations as may be adopted or may be under consideration, will be prepared for adoption by the Committee at the end of the session, in accordance with established practice. The Committee is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the session, with the assistance of the interim secretariat and under the guidance of the Chairman.

76. It should be recalled that General Assembly resolution 47/195 invited the Chairman of the Committee "to submit a final report to the General Assembly on behalf of the Committee on the completion of the Committee's work, following the conclusion of the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention".

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Documents prepared for the session

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A/AC.237/78/Add.1	Preliminary information for participants at the first session of the Conference of the Parties
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A/AC.237/79	Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning. Note by the Executive Secretary
A/AC.237/79/Add.1	Institutional linkages. Advice by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on an institutional arrangement for the permanent secretariat
A/AC.237/79/Add.2	Financial rules of the Conference of the Parties and of its subsidiary bodies. Draft financial procedures
A/AC.237/79/Add.3	Budget outline for the permanent secretariat
A/AC.237/79/Add.4	Physical location. Compilation of information from potential host Governments
A/AC.237/80	Review of the activities of the interim secretariat, including review of extrabudgetary funds. Note by the Executive Secretary
A/AC.237/81	Compilation and synthesis of national communications from Annex I Parties

A/AC.237/82	First review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention. Issues to be addressed by the Committee: an overview
A/AC.237/83	Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b). Annotated compilation
A/AC.237/84	Methodological issues
A/AC.237/85	The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention
A/AC.237/86	Issues to be addressed by the Committee regarding the financial mechanism: a preliminary overview
A/AC.237/87	Elements for inclusion in arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and an operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism
A/AC.237/88	Transfer of technology
A/AC.237/89 (English only)	Consideration of the maintenance of the interim arrangements referred to in Article 21, paragraph 3. Report on the second meeting of the GEF Council
A/AC.237/90	Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support
A/AC.237/90/Add.1	Progress report on the Climate Convention information exchange programme. Note by the interim secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme
A/AC.237/90/Add.2	Progress report on the training programme to promote the implementation of the Convention. Note by the interim secretariat and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research
A/AC.237/90/Add.3	Provision of assistance for enabling activities and national communications. Note by the interim secretariat and the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility

A/AC.237/Misc.40	Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism), paragraphs 1-4. Approach paper by the Group of 77 and China on the format for communication of information by non-Annex I Parties
A/AC.237/Misc.41	Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism), paragraphs 1-4. Co-Chairmen's text and submissions received from Governments
A/AC.237/Misc.42	First review of information communication by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention. Comments from Parties or other member States
A/AC.237/Misc.43	Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b). Comments from Parties or other member States
A/AC.237/Misc.44	Criteria for joint implementation. Comments from Parties or other member States
A/AC.237/Misc.45	Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning. Compilation of offers by Governments to host the permanent secretariat
A/AC.237/INF.15/Rev.2	Status of ratification of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
A/AC.237/INF.16/Rev.2	Status of submissions of first communications from Annex I Parties
A/AC.237/L.22/Rev.1.	Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and of its subsidiary bodies.
A/AC.237/L.23	Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b). Letter dated 20 Sepember 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the Executive Secretary of the interim secretariat, transmitting a draft protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction

A/AC.237/L.23/Add.1	Review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4, paragraph 2(a) and (b). Letter dated 22 September 1994 from the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany to the Executive Secretary of the interim secretariat, transmitting proposals for further elements of a protocol to the Convention

Other documents for the session

A/AC.237/5	Rules of procedure of the Committee
A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/ Add.1 and Corr.1	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*
A/AC.237/70	Implementation of Article 11 (Financial mechanism), paragraphs 1-4. Summary of the "Guidelines for the preparation of first communications by Annex I Parties" (annex to Committee decision 9/2)
A/AC.237/76 and Corr.1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its tenth session, held at Geneva from 22 August to 2 September 1994

Reports on previous sessions of the Committee

A/AC.237/6 and Corr.1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its first session, held at Washington, D.C., from 4 to 14 February 1991
A/AC.237/9	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its second session, held at Geneva from 19 to 28 June 1991

* See also rectified text of the Convention available in English, French and Spanish, published on behalf of the interim secretariat by the UNEP/WMO Information Unit on Climate Change (IUCC).

A/AC.237/12 and Corr. 1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its third session, held at Nairobi from 9 to 20 September 1991
A/AC.237/15 and Corr.1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its fourth session, held at Geneva from 9 to 20 December 1991
A/AC.237/18 (Part I)	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the first part of its fifth session, held at New York from 18 to 28 February 1992
A/AC.237/18 (Part II)	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of the second part of its fifth session, held at New York from 30 April to 9 May 1992
A/AC.237/24 (and Corr.1 English only)	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its in sixth session, held at Geneva from 7 to 10 December 1992
A/AC.237/31	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its seventh session, held at New York from 15 to 20 March 1993
A/AC.237/41	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its eighth session, held at Geneva from 16 to 27 August 1993
A/AC.237/55	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change on the work of its ninth session held at Geneva from 7 to 18 February 1994

Other documents available at the session for reference purposes

A/AC.237/34	Methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases
A/AC.237/44 and Add. 1-2	Methodological issues

A/AC.237/46	The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention
A/AC.237/59/Add.1**	A review of selected non-compliance procedures, dispute resolution and implementation review procedures
A/AC.237/60 and Add.1	Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning
A/AC.237/64	The roles of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention
A/AC.237/66	Joint implementation: objectives, criteria and arrangements for a pilot phase
A/AC.237/68	Synthesis report on adaptation
A/AC.237/Misc.32	Comments from member States on methodologies for calculations/inventories of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases
A/AC.237/Misc.36 and Add.1	Comments from Parties or other member States on the first review of information communicated by each Party included in Annex I to the Convention and on the review of the adequacy of commitments in Article 4.2(a) and (b)
A/AC.237/Misc.37 and Add.1	Comments from Parties or other member States on criteria for joint implementation
A/AC.237/Misc.38 and Add.1	Miscellaneous proposals by Governments on issues related to the financial mechanism
A/AC.237/Misc.46**	Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation (Article 13). Submissions from delegations relating to Article 13
A/AC.237/INF.12/Rev.1	Communications received in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/195, paragraph 4

** Documentation prepared in pursuance of discussions by the Committee at its tenth session of Article 13 of the Convention (Consideration of the establishment of a multilateral consultative process for the resolution of questions regarding implementation).

General Assembly resolutions

45/212	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (21 December 1990)
46/169	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (19 December 1991)
47/195	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (22 December 1992)
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Annex II

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

DATE	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
Monday, 6 February			
a.m.	Item 1: Organizational matters (a) Adoption of agenda (b) Organization of work Statements: Chairman, IPCC Chairman/CEO, GEF Item 3 : Status of ratification	Following Plenary : Organization of work	Following Plenary : Organization of work
p.m.	***	Item 7: Questions to Chairman of IPCC Item 7 (d): Methodological issues	Item 8 (a): Questions to Chairman/CEO, GEF Item 8 (b): Maintenance of interim arrangements
Tuesday, 7 February			
a.m.	***	Item 7 (a): First review of communications (review of compilation and synthesis; further process for review)	Item 8 (a) (i): Guidance (policies, programme priorities, eligibility criteria, etc.)
p.m.	***	(continued)	(continued)
Wednesday, 8 February			
a.m.	Item 6: Rules of procedure (informal consultations)	Item 7 (a): First review of communications (continued)	***
p.m.	(continued)	Item 7 (b): Review of adequacy of commitments	***

DATE	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
Thursday, 9 February			
a.m.	***	Item 7 (b): Review of adequacy of commitments (continued)	Item 8 (a) (ii): Modalities (arrangements under Article 11.3, including funding needs)
p.m.	***	Item 7 (c): Criteria for joint implementation	(continued)
Friday, 10 February			
a.m.	Item 6: Rules of procedure Item 4: Review of Annexes to the Convention Item 2: Arrangements for COP 1	Item 7 (e): Roles of subsidiary bodies	***
p.m.	Item 10: Review of extrabudgetary funds Item 5: Permanent secretariat (institutional linkages, financial rules and budget, physical location)	Informal consultations	***
Monday, 13 February			
a.m.	Review of progress in the session Continuation of items discussed in Plenary meetings on 10 February, as needed	After plenary: Informal consultations	***
p.m.	***	Informal consultations	Item 9: Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support

DATE	PLENARY	WORKING GROUP I	WORKING GROUP II
Tuesday, 14 February			
a.m.	***	Informal consultations	Informal consultations
p.m.	***	Informal consultations	Informal consultations
Wednesday, 15 February			
a.m.	***	Informal consultations	Informal consultations
p.m.	***	Completion of recommendations/ conclusions	Completion of recommendations/ conclusions
Thursday, 16 February			
a.m.	Final oral reports from Co-Chairmen of Working Groups Adoption of recommendations/ conclusions on plenary items	***	***
p.m.	***	***	***
Friday, 17 February			
a.m.	***	***	***
p.m.	Item 12: Adoption of the report of the Committee	***	***